

## Diary Dates

### Coming Up . . .

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 1<sup>st</sup> instalment of accounts due
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August dental van here
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August working bee 9am-12noon
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August scholastics book orders due
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August dental van here

### The Great Wā Ora Quiz Night & Auction

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September



Tickets are on sale [here](#) at eventfinda. Help us to achieve our fundraising target of \$5000+ for classrooms to develop their outdoor environments.

### Working Bee



Please check below for your eldest child's name to attend this working bee. Contact the office with any queries.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August**  
**9am – 12noon**

Eli Shearer	Ava Hunt-Ingledew
Finn Anquetil	Samuel Moir
Lydia Millar	Mila Nagel
Richard Moon	Ellie Pritchard
Charlie Munro	Summer Nguyen
Eulie Norton	Grace Nickel
Sonny Nguyen	Emily Parle
Atreyu Olsen	Aarav Patel
Karan Patel	Sophie Pirimona
Hannah Pinfold	Rome Soutar
Elsbeth Pottstock-Nichols	
Dominic Nethercott-Sim	

## This Week

### Linking Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Montessori

By Kerry Pratchett – Rewarewa Head Teacher - Preschool

Lately I have been reading a lot about te Tiriti o Waitangi and I wanted to follow on from an earlier article, which appeared in this newsletter after our recent Matariki celebrations.

Over the weekend I attended a professional development course. Whilst all those in the room acknowledged that they 'do' biculturalism, facilitator Dr. Jan Robertson asked us to delve deeper and consider how often we bring our Montessori practice back to te Tiriti o Waitangi.

A treaty is between two states who wish to formalise an agreement. Te Tiriti was signed to protect the people living in New Zealand at the time and signified a partnership between equals. Subsequent to the signing of the treaty, laws and acts were made by Government that undermined the intent of the treaty. One example of this in education was the 1867: Native Schools Act decreeing that English should be the only language used in the education of Māori children. If language is lost, then the identity and culture will soon follow. Historically there were many instances and events, by both the Crown and eager colonial settlers, that set Māori culture back.

While I struggle with te reo Māori (the language), I believe as a nation, there is greater recognition and respect for the Māori culture today. This is supported by the large numbers of whānau attending Wā Ora's Matariki celebrations, the fact that Māori language classes are fully booked through all of 2019 and also that in recent years, Matariki events around New Zealand have been increasingly well attended and enjoyed by all participants.

The essence of the three articles of Te Tiriti O Waitangi can be identified as Partnership, Protection and Participation; in an education setting, this might be considered as follows:

**Partnership:** the relationship between all people involved in each child's education; colleagues, whānau, the child himself. Are our relationships inclusive?

**Protection:** We made a promise to protect Te Reo and the Māori culture. How are we doing this? It has struck me lately that many children may only ever hear te reo Māori at school.

**Participation:** This is again how we all work with the child at the centre or preschool. It seems that if we are working towards partnership and protection, then participation is easier to achieve.

It was positive to have so many whānau come along and celebrate Matariki last month with us as a school. As a nation, we are all responsible for upholding te Tiriti o Waitangi and I think we can all acknowledge that it is a long journey. As Dr. Jan Robertson said, "What are we doing this year that is more than we did last?"



*Kerry has worked at Wā Ora Montessori for 5 years – she finds it a great environment with lots of fun and laughter. It is said that the Montessori education is an 'Aid to Life' and Kerry finds it so exciting to be a part of the child's life at such an important time. She has a Bachelor in Education – Early Childhood and a 3-6 AMI Diploma. Outside of school her interests tend to ebb and flow through her life; in the warmer seasons she enjoys bike rides with the family, but during the colder months she is more inclined to craft activities!*

**Sport****Wā Ora Badminton Results**

Div 4 Junior Girls vs Wainui – we won!  
Div 3 Junior Boys vs St Pats 1-5  
Div 3 Senior Mixed vs HVHS 9, 0-6

**Wā Ora Basketball Results**

Juniors (Year 9-10s) vs Tawa college 52-35  
Seniors (Year 11-13 vs HVHS 4, 73-24

**Wā Ora Netball Results**

Tui (Year 9s & up) vs HVHS 17, 7-5  
Miromiro (Year 7-8) vs Avalon Int 1, 23-20

**Pajama Day Fundraiser**

This Wednesday Christina (7) and Mischa (5) are holding a PJ fun day for the whole school! They are hoping everyone will come in their pajamas and also bring in one of the following items that we can later donate to FosterHope. FosterHope is an organization that provides children with basic supplies when they move into a foster home, because often when they are placed into their foster homes, they don't have anything. The following items are things that FosterHope has currently run out of and that we are hoping to collect: baby toothbrushes, hair brushes, soap and shampoo for 0-2 years; and shampoo and underwear for 12-14 years. For more info about FosterHope go to <https://www.fosterhope.org.nz/>.

**Preschool education evening**

We are holding an education evening for parents of preschool children on the topic of 'Grace and Courtesy' and how you can support this at home. The evening will be held in week 4 of the term on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August from 7pm - 8pm in Pōhutukawa class. RSVP to the office.

**Does your child regularly leave school early for activities?**

If you regularly pick up your primary and/or high school student(s) from school earlier than the normal 3.30pm finish time, you must notify both the office and your child's teacher by email. Your email should advise all of the dates this will be happening. If your arrangements change, you need to keep the office updated via email. Thanks for your help with this ☺

**Scholastics**

Brochures have gone home and orders are due back at school in the purple box just through the office by next Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August. Alternatively you can order online.

**Lost property has moved**

The lost property rack has been moved around the corner from its previous home and is now where the piano used to be. It's week 2 of the term and it's full already! Can families please check, as there are a LOT of jackets and the rack will be cleared out soon.

**Kawakawa recycling dental items!**

Specifically, KK students are gathering old toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, floss containers and the plastic/cardboard packaging these items came in. Since these items cannot be recycled in any other way, these items are being gathered and shipped to the processing facility. The school will receive a (small) amount of money for this but the main incentive is waste minimisation. Please note that while electric toothbrushes can be accepted for recycling, electric toothbrush heads cannot. If you would like to contribute your used dental items, there is a bin in Kawakawa and the main school office waiting to receive! Here is [more information](#) if you are curious. Thank you!

**Position available**

We currently have a vacancy for an adult to provide lunch time supervision to a 6 year old primary child with medical concerns. The role would require you to work from 11.30am – 12.30pm Monday to Friday. A current first aid certificate is desirable, but training will be given to the successful applicant. Please contact Tania ([tania@waora.school.nz](mailto:tania@waora.school.nz)) or Ava ([ava@waora.school.nz](mailto:ava@waora.school.nz)) by this Friday for more information or to register your interest.

**Wā Ora App – download it now**

Our new communication app has launched! Download it now to keep up to date with school news and to notify the office of your child's absences. You will also be able to book after school care, check the blogs, read the newsletter, link to our facebook, website, view useful documents and much, much more, all via the app. Best of all you can sign up for alerts relevant to your child's class/activities/sports, etc. Click [here](#) to download ☺.

**Can you help with transport?**

I am looking for help with picking up my 5 year old daughter Chyoe, from Kōwhai class on Friday afternoons. I am happy to contribute petrol and to meet you either in Petone or anywhere in Wellington city. Any offers gratefully received even if on a one-off basis. Please contact Michelle on 020 440 8880 or at [burubing@gmail.com](mailto:burubing@gmail.com) if you can help.

**Massey University – child asthma study**

Massey University is conducting an important research study looking at the different types of asthma in children aged 8-18. The study aims to examine the causes of childhood asthma and therefore improve treatment options for all asthmatics. The study involves a lung function test and a short questionnaire. If your child has asthma please consider being part of this study by contacting Jean Feary McKenzie on 0800 080 078 or emailing [asthma@massey.ac.nz](mailto:asthma@massey.ac.nz).

**Parenting event**

Come along to 'Why Do Kids Behave



This Way?' presented by Engage Neuroscience Training this Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> August, 7.30pm at Fergusson Intermediate, Hikurangi Street, Upper Hutt. Hear Dr. Kathryn Berkett discuss the neuroscience behind why our children (and us!) have those 'moments' where they 'fly off the handle' sometimes, for seemingly no reason? For more information and to book your ticket (\$15) visit [eventbrite](#).

**Where Children Sleep Exhibition**

Where Children Sleep is a project by international photographer James Mollison, highlighting the different living situations of children across the globe. From brightly coloured rooms filled with posters and toys, to a mat outside or a collection of trash on a dirt floor, his images of where children sleep paints a powerful picture of inequality around the world. The exhibition is on at Expressions Whirinaki Arts and Entertainment Centre, 836 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt, until Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Admission is free. Presented in conjunction with Save the Children New Zealand.